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☐ The petition filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

- ☒ The amendment filed on Apr 27, 2000 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
- ☐ entered.
 - ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
 - ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
 - ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The PTO no longer accepts 312(b) amendments. This new interim rule became effective March 20, 2000. See Federal Register: March 20, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 54), page 14869. "The Office proposed changing Sec. 1.132 to provide that any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by: (1) A petition under Sec. 1.313(c)(1) to withdraw the application from issue; (2) an unequivocal statement that one or more claims are unpatentable; and (3) an explanation as to how the amendment is necessary to render such claim or claims unpatentable."

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